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(1) ~~On 3rd January 1968, the Joint Sub-Committee (Pals-~~
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... Military Committee. Otherg

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~~Chairman of Arab League~~
~~Military Committee.~~
Organizer of the Revolution.

Report of the Juries

~~Palestinian leader. Promoter~~
~~of the "Dunbar scheme". Former~~
~~Arab renegade.~~

Memorandum of Arab H1. per
EXCUTIVE.

~~Vice President of Arab M. bor
Executive.~~

Former Arab renegade. Chief
Medical Officer to Syrian
Army. President of the
Committee for the Defense of
Palestine.

**Leader of Transjordan
opposition in exile.**

Former Arab Rencade and
Axis Agent.

Swedish Army. Swedish
Military Court, etc.
to Arab League

The items for discussion were the leadership of the Arab Guerrillas in Palestine, the disposal of funds collected in Syria and the distribution of a quantity of arms which, according to General Tadea of Madrid, had just arrived from Czechoslovakia via Egypt. In view of the controversial nature of these items, it was decided that the League Council, chaired by Palestine, be summoned before

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(iii) A meeting was held on 5th February, with Fawzi Qawqji and the Palestinian village leaders Abdul Qadir Al-Sayid and Hassan Salim. Discussions were held. The Palestinians brought up their long-standing complaint that the British were hoarding money and equipment, most of which was to be given to the Syrian volunteers. General Hashimi and Fawzi Qawqji affirmed that this was not their responsibility; they were under the orders of President Kuwattli for the disposal of all funds and arms.

The Mufti and President Kuwattli

(iii) The Mufti visited President Kuwattli to discuss this same subject. Kuwattli explained that in view of popular feeling, his own situation would be precarious were he to put a stop to the despatch of volunteers to Palestine. He assured the Mufti that funds were coming in well from the consulates in the State, and that there would soon be sufficient money available not only to support the volunteers from Syria but also to purchase arms for the Palestinians.

(iv) All money collected by public subscription is passed direct to the office of President Kuwattli. The President has delegated Ali al-Sayid (Minister of Defense) and Fawzi Qawqji to assist him in the disposal of funds, but they may do so only as he directs and strict accounts must be rendered to the President's office. These instructions are dictated by the President's desire to exclude the Mufti from control of funds collected in Syria.

(v) Up to 5th February the total amount subscribed to the Palestine fund was L.S. 438,743 (roughly £ 50,000 sterling).

Qatana Training Camp

(vi) Fresh arrivals of volunteers at the Qatana camp (L.187157) between 27th January and 1st February totalled 500. These men came from the Syrian towns of Aleppo, Hama, and Deir-es-Zor.

(vii) 25 men from Pakistan are also reported to have arrived at Qatana for training.

(viii) Known departures for Palestine are:-

100 via Lebanon, on night of January 28th.

540 Palestinians, Iraqis and Syrians on night of January 28th, via Transjordan.

Arms

(ix) Lt. Ismet Said Zakawati, Chief of the transport services of the Syrian army, stated that he has purchased 50 dismantled machine guns from the British army in Cyprus, at a cost of L.S. 3,000 each.

(x) Lt. Rifa Stambuli, who was recently sent by Lt. Col. Mahmoud Hindi to purchase arms in the Alawite region of Syria, has reported the acquisition of 300 2,000 rifles.

(xi) A report from the Qatana camp confirms the arrival of Czech arms. These consist of Moser rifles, L.R.G.'s and anti-aircraft guns with appropriate ammunition. The arms are not known.

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of the Shokri was factored, was present in Damascus during the activities described in para. (1). It is reliably reported that the Shokri was given an order for 20,000 rifles and 20 million rounds of ammunition. Gornish left Damascus by air and he is now understood to be in Iraq.

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